

Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association

April 2013 News

Hi Everyone!

I can't believe it is already April! This year is flying by fast! Before we know it school will be over and we will all be making plans for summer shows, the Youth Excellence Seminar and the Youth World Show!

First off, I want to let you know that MQHYA has a big day planned on Friday, May 17th! The Gateway Classic Show will be our final qualifying show for 2013. We are going to hold a youth meeting on Friday following the show, should be around 4:00 but we will have to see how the show runs and announce the exact time during the day. It shouldn't be a long meeting, mostly just discussing world show items like stall decorations, parade of teams, t-shirt designs, etc. Following the meeting, the youth will be sponsoring a Pizza Party and Dog Show! This should be a really fun event! There will be a dog costume class, best trick, ugliest, prettiest, and we will also have a dog jumping and dog race! We will need everyone to come join the fun and help with this event! This should be a great fundraiser for our world show expenses!

MQHYA 1st Vice President, Jack Medows has been working hard on putting together the 2nd Annual Silent Auction Trainer Sale! This will also be happening during the Gateway Classic week-end. You will be getting a list of participating trainers in the next couple of days! This was a huge fundraiser for us last year! Basically you pick the trainer of your choice, write down a silent bid for one month's training. Anyone can bid, you can bid several times, and at the end of the weekend we will announce the winning bidders! So, if your trainer's monthly fee is \$900 and you bid \$900 (which you would be paying anyway), then the trainer gets \$300 to help cover their expenses and MQHYA gets \$600! Ties will be broken by a blind draw. Watch your email for more information in the next few days!

At the convention this year we voted to do something to help a Therapeutic Horsemanship program. We decided to ask everyone to purchase items to do sort of a Christmas in May! Pam Downing will be bringing a Christmas tree to the Gateway Classic show and we can all bring items to donate to the program. I am attaching a wish list from the Therapeutic Horsemanship program of Lake St. Louis. The other thing that was suggested was that they would love for the MQHYA members to act as ambassadors to the therapeutic horsemanship kids by smiling at them, visiting with them, helping in any way possible, just making them feel a part of the show.

Pam Downing will also have the consignment clothes at the show! Please look through your clothes and bring items you would like to sell and make sure to look through the items on consignment to find some new great things for you! This is also a great way we make money for our scholarship program!

I am also attaching a current list of Letters of Intent we have received so far. Please look it over to make sure it is correct. Also, if you happen to qualify nationally, please let us know so we can put a NQ by your name. It really helps us to know as it opens up another spot for someone else. You also need to be working on getting your sponsorships. Each member who is trying to qualify or go for year-end awards is responsible for collecting \$200 in sponsorships. These are due May 31st! Sponsorship forms are on the website. Please call if you have any questions! Also, if you are trying to qualify nationally, AQHA announced yesterday that they are extending the national qualifying time until May 27th this year for the Youth World Show!

If you are planning on attending the AQHYA Youth Excellence Seminar this summer, June 20-22, you need to go to www.aqha.com and get the registration forms! They are due April 30th. This is a great event and I hope you all will consider attending this year! Please let me know if you are planning to attend so we can figure out travel plans.

Finally, here are the dates and information for the remaining qualifying shows for 2013.

April 13-14
Ozark QH Show
Lucky J Arena, Carthage, MO (2 Judges)
Contact: Janice Klenke, 660-473-1140

May 16-19
Gateway Classic Show
National Equestrian Center, Lake St. Louis, MO (6 Judges)
Contact: MQHA Office, 816-537-0610 or MoQHA1@gmail.com

God Bless MQHYA!

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